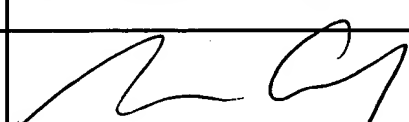




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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.	<b>Application Number</b>	09/633,295
	<b>Filing Date</b>	August 7, 2000
	<b>First Named Inventor</b>	Alfons NICHTL
	<b>Group Art Unit</b>	1641
	<b>Examiner Name</b>	Pensee Do
	<b>Attorney Docket Number</b>	2923-465
<b>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</b> <b>NOTE:</b> 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See <i>Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice</i> , Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.		

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
  - a. ☐ Previously submitted
    - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Enclosed
    - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply
    - ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declarations
    - iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - iv. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
2. Miscellaneous
  - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.170(i) required.)
  - b. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
3. Fees The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.
  - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 02-2135.
    - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 C.F. R. § 1.17(e) - \$750.00
    - ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17) - \$930.00
    - iii. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1,680 enclosed.
  - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed.)

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED			
NAME AND REG. NUMBER	Martha Cassidy, Reg. No. 44,066		
SIGNATURE		DATE	June 13, 2003

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